

FIGHT FOR STIELOW GOES ON DESPITE KING'S RETRACTION

Attorney James W. Osborne Retained in Press Demand for New Trial.

PROSECUTOR ASSAILED.

Appelbaum Denounces Methods Used by District Attorney Knickerbocker.

Following a conference at the Hotel Majestic last night, the fight to obtain the freedom of Charles E. Stielow, condemned to death for a double murder now said to have been committed by Queen King, it was announced that James W. Osborne had been retained to seek a new trial. The fate of Stielow, who is now under sentence, will come before a special session of the Supreme Court in Rochester on Aug. 22. Mr. Osborne is to make the principal argument.

David A. White, attorney of record, will go to Medina, N. Y., to handle all threads of the case up State. Mrs. Grace Humiston, the woman lawyer who brought about the confession of King to the murder of Charles E. Phelps and Miss Margaret Wolcott at West Shelby, N. Y., and who has worked in Stielow's behalf ever since he was convicted, will assist Mr. White. He also is to have the help of Huntington W. Mearns, personal counsel for Warren Osborne of Sing Sing, and of Mrs. Isaac Mithell, a member of the Humanitarian Cuit and well known lawyer.

Stuart M. Kohn, heretofore chief counsel for Stielow, is to continue in the case. Misha Appelbaum, founder of the Humanitarian Cuit, also will keep up his efforts to win liberty for Stielow, although King has recanted his confession of guilt.

Mr. Appelbaum issued a statement after the meeting saying District Attorney John C. Knickerbocker of Orleans County for methods pursued since King made his confession, which he denied had been obtained by improper means.

ACCUSE MRS. HUMISTON OF INDUCING KING'S CONFESSION.

BUFFALO, Aug. 16.—Erwin King's statement to District Attorney John C. Knickerbocker retracting his confession of the murder of Charles E. Phelps and Miss Margaret Wolcott, charges that he was induced to confess by Mrs. Grace Humiston. The statement was made public by the District Attorney after demand was made by Mrs. Humiston that it be published.

King says after he was arrested at Pavilion, N. Y., by Detective O'Grady he was brought to Buffalo. He adds: "The next morning in Buffalo they told me I was going to Little Valley, and when I got down to the machine Mr. O'Grady was there and this lady, Mrs. Humiston. I did not know who she was; never saw her before."

"I was not introduced to the lady. We got out of the city and they talked about this trial of Stielow. They wanted to know what I thought of it. I told them they had the guilty man, and she told me she thought she was going to get some information from me. I told her I did not see how."

"After dinner in Little Valley I was down in the hall all afternoon with her and she kept talking about this trial, and said this boy in Auburn, O'Connell, said if she came to me I could tell her all of it. I told her he must be a near his right mind as he was last fall, and that I knew nothing of the case."

"King asserts Mrs. Humiston said: 'If you will confess that you did this crime you will never be locked up long. I have it fixed with the Governor. It will be down in black and white. There is \$5,000 in Auburn, and I will see that you get \$2,000 of it.' I told her all I knew about it was what I saw in the papers," he said.

"What did you tell her then?" he was asked.

"I told her that me and this O'Connell did it," answered King. "I followed it from what I read in the papers. I told her we done it and I told her the wrong story."

"You now say this is entirely untrue?"

"Yes, sir."

"After you told this what happened?"

"Why, some people over there took it down on paper, I signed it, but didn't swear to it."

"And after this occurred, how soon did you see the people from this country?"

"I think it was the next night when I came across the country."

"How did you happen to tell the men in the auto coming over here that it was not true? What did they do to you?"

"Nothing, only I knew Mr. Knickerbocker—I have known him quite a while, and I knew when he read that

900 Citizen Sailors Sail Away for Naval War Game; Will Try to Take Port "Somewhere North of Hatteras"

Rookies, Now at Sea, Leave New York With Hearts Beating High

REAL PRACTICE CRUISE

Plans All Made for Attack and Defense of Atlantic Coast.

The routine of sailor life about began in earnest to-day for the 900 civilian recruits attached to the battleships Kentucky, New Jersey and Maine when these vessels got under way this morning from the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Kentucky was the first to leave her berth at Pier C. Assembly was sounded at 8 o'clock and the rookies all white and new looking in their dinks, were formed on the starboard side of the battleship. Then after brief inspection they were disembarked and the task of warping the vessel from her berth was begun. There were only a few civilians on the pier as she was drawn away by the tug John Nichols, but they waved their hands and handkerchiefs in good speed. As soon as she was clear the tugs James Polver, Charles Hunyon and J. S. Packard made lines fast to her and drew her stern first into the East River. Once out in the stream, the navy tug Powhatan took her bow and thrust the great vessel outward, with her prow down stream. And at 8:45 o'clock the Kentucky got under her own steam and set out southward for the bay and the open sea.

The New Jersey was the next of the trio to get under way. She had her rookies at assembly as the Kentucky drew out and a little later they were called to stations as the tugs returned and made their lines fast to her.

FRIENDS GAVE SENDOFF TO ROOKIES ON THE MAINE.

Then came the Maine from her berth at the coal dock. As most of the rookies on this vessel are from New York and Brooklyn, there were more friends and relatives at her pier to wave good-bye than were at Pier C. The rookies stood at the rail as long as naval discipline permitted, but most of them were kept busy about the decks. So the sailing of the three battleships was nothing at all like the departure of an Atlantic liner.

The three ships were taken as far as the Ambrose Channel by Eugene Bernhardt, the Navy Yard pilot, who returned on the tug Powhatan for the successive trips.

The battleship Maine was boarded last night after the rookie crew had turned in, by a woman who told Lieut. Block that she had seen a picture of the Maine rookies in The Evening World which she was sure was that of her husband, who had left her two years ago. She gave a name, which Lieut. Block would not disclose, and she was permitted to inspect the roster of rookies, but she failed to find the name. She was told that if her husband was aboard

paper up there that he knew better, could tell her by face that he knew there was nothing of it.

"Didn't you appreciate that you were confessing to the crime of murder?"

"Yes, sir; but through the promises they were making me up there I didn't think there would be anything to it. If I could get as much money as they were talking about I thought I would be willing to be locked up a little while."

"Two witnesses to the confession of King to-day insisted that it was a true statement. At Little Valley Sheriff C. B. Nichols of Cattaraugus County said:

"King's statement impressed me as being true. It was made without threats or promises. King in the jail told the turnkey that he wanted to see 'that woman' (Mrs. Grace Humiston), and was brought into the office and was told her history. Mrs. Humiston was here with Mrs. Voorhees. I was asked to have Mrs. Voorhees identify King as a tramp who was at her house in March, 1915."

"Detective O'Grady, Under Sheriff Wheaton and myself were in Olean when King made his statement to Mrs. Humiston. Upon my return to the jail I was interviewed by a stenographer and heard his statement, and it printed, signed and sworn to, and immediately notified the Orleans County Sheriff. King was interviewed by half a dozen newspaper men while in this jail. They all left here believing King's statement true."

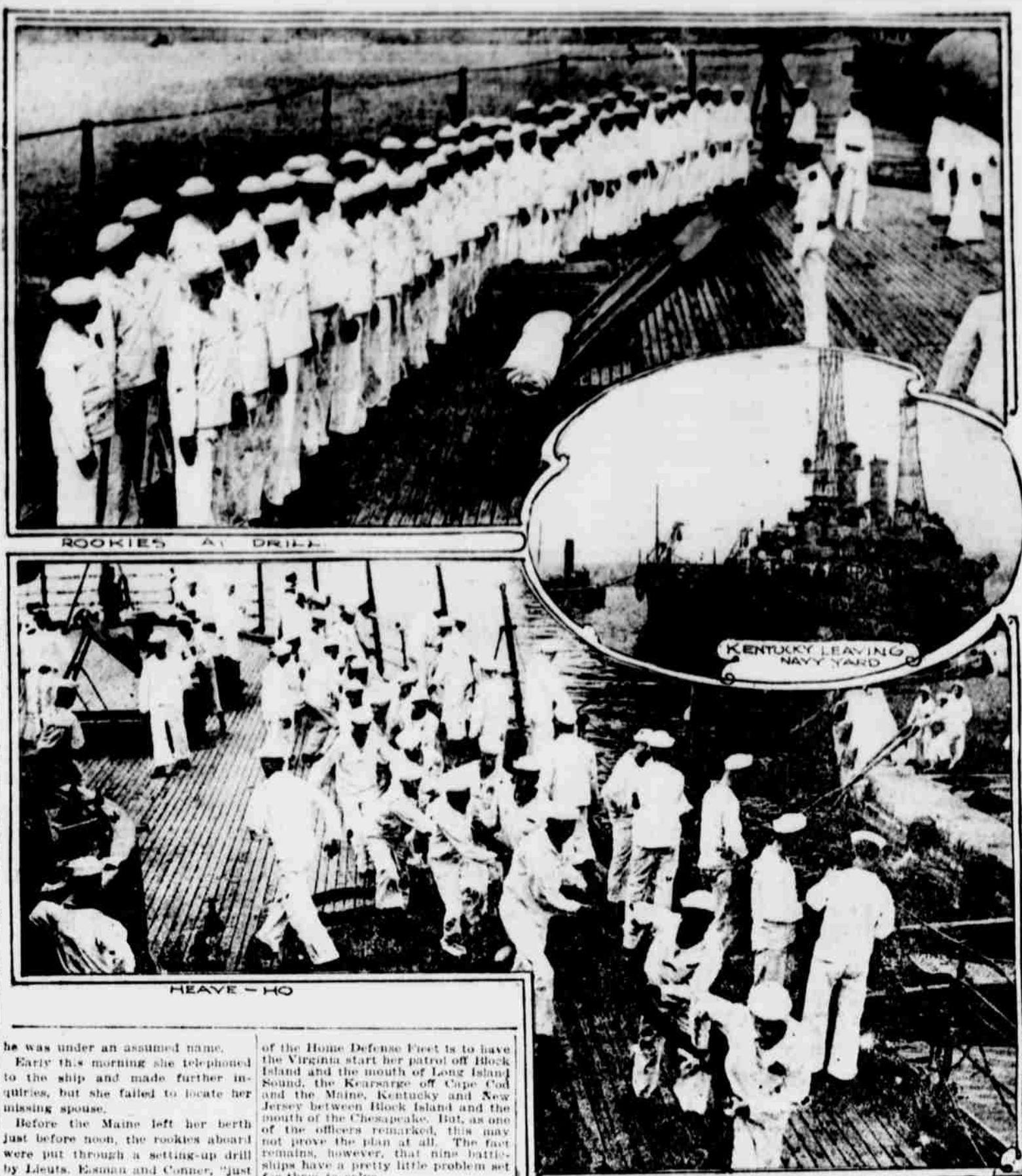
King's confession is the truth, and covers the details of the crime minutely. King, without any force or duress, made this confession voluntarily of his own free will. Not a particle of doubt exists in my mind as to the truth of his confession. If there was any doubt I can assure you that under no circumstances would I be a party to the same."

Mrs. Humiston, who is charged by King with having procured his confession, to-day made this comment upon the action of the District Attorney:

"The spectacle is now being exhibited of a District Attorney using all the power of his command to prove the innocence of the self-confessed murderer King."

King has signed and sworn to his confession three times, the last time in the District Attorney's presence after he had refused to take the confession from King's own lips. The District Attorney's pleasure, and not by the will of the people, he withdraws the murder charge and frees the man from it without a particle of sworn testimony to prove or disprove the truth of the confession.

"To this other line of evidence"



ROOKIES AT DRILL. KENTUCKY LEAVING NAVY YARD.

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he was under an assumed name.

Early this morning she telephoned to the ship and made further inquiries, but she failed to locate her missing spouse.

Before the Maine left her berth just before noon, the rookies aboard were put through a setting-up drill by Lieuts. Egan and Conner, "just to shake them down a bit."

"Somewhere north of Hatteras" the formidable Atlantic Fleet, which means the most powerful great gun ships of the navy, intends attempting the seizure of an American port, its subjugation under threat of bombardment and the landing of an armed force.

It is now lying "somewhere off Block Island," off the easternmost point of Long Island. It is busy with drills, making ready for this descent upon the coast and its intended demonstration of strategy and battle efficiency. The point of attack has already been selected, but all that is known of it save in the wardrooms of the fleet, is that it is "somewhere north of Hatteras."

It would never do to let it be known now, because this attack is to be the crowning work in the training of the more than 2,000 "cits" who sailed forth to-day—three battleships, the Maine, Kentucky and New Jersey, leaving the Brooklyn Navy Yard this morning on the first "Civilian Volunteer Cruise," which means the "naval Plattsburg."

The nine ships bearing these novices from all parts of the country on a month's cruise—the three enumerated and the Rhode Island, flagship, Virginia, Louisiana, Kearsarge, Alabama and Illinois—are to form a "Home Defense Fleet," entrusted with the task of detecting this well-considered plan of searching out the "enemy" and, if possible, of "sinking" or "capturing" his ships.

The plans of the Navy Department contemplated at first only a practice cruise, with the usual routine of drills and maneuvers, and the powerful, as it were, training of the young men who answered the call. But later it was decided that the novices would be benefited and interested the more if a "war game" were held and they were permitted to "kill" in. And, incidentally, the great Atlantic Fleet would profit.

So the war game is to be the thing and the great fleet will do its best to win. As Aug. 22 has been set for the rendezvous of the "Home Defense Fleet" off Block Island, the Atlantic Fleet will have stolen away from those waters at least two days before that and gone to sea, there to wait for the enemy and make for the point of attack.

Then, does it become the task of the ships bearing the "cits" sailors to send out their destroyers and scouts, the eyes of the fleet, to locate, if possible, the attacking force, to give battle to any of its attacking ships, but above all, to prevent the landing of a force "anywhere north of Hatteras."

The rookies knew nothing of this plan when they sailed down the East river to-day. They first learn it when battle orders are issued after Block Island waters have been reached. And then they'll have something more than their sea legs to work for.

But the officers of the three ships have been busy for days on their plans. In the Captain's cabin on each ship a chart of the Atlantic seaboard was set out with a junior officer bending over it with compass and protractor. The tentative plan

of the Home Defense Fleet is to have the Virginia start her patrol off Block Island and the mouth of Long Island Sound, the Kearsarge off Cape Cod and the Maine, Kentucky and New Jersey between Block Island and the mouth of the Chesapeake. But, as one of the officers remarked, this may not prove the plan at all. The fact remains, however, that nine battleships have a pretty little problem set for them to solve.

French Checked in the Balkans.

BERLIN, Aug. 16.—Reports of a French attack south of Lake Doiran, near the Serbo-Greek frontier, was announced by the War Office this afternoon.

LAWYER IS INDICTED AS ONE OF GRAFT RING IN INSURANCE SWINDLE

A. H. Mandelstorf, Charged with Promoting Fraudulent Accident Cases.

Alexander H. Mandelstorf, a lawyer with offices at No. 299 Broadway, was indicted by the Grand Jury to-day on five separate charges connecting him with accident insurance swindles. Evidence in the possession of Assistant District Attorney Rittenberg is said to show that more than \$100,000 was swindled from corporations and private owners during the last fifteen months.

The investigation is to continue, Mr. Rittenberg said, and probably will result in indictments against some eighty persons, including lawyers and physicians.

Mandelstorf was indicted for alleged grand larceny and other offenses on the evidence of Michael Ryan and John T. McDonald, now held in the Tombs Prison for complicity in swindles by which "fake" accidents were claimed to have injured plaintiffs working in co-operation with a ring of doctors and lawyers who are accused of having knowingly signed false affidavits and prosecuted the cases in court. Mandelstorf is the second lawyer to be indicted in the investigation. Mr. Rittenberg received evidence gathered by the Zurich Insurance Company and a detective agency. It contained charges against five lawyers, eight physicians and many others.

Ryan and McDonald said there were no accidents in which the "faking" entered claims. They illustrated the system in describing the cases which led to Mandelstorf's indictment.

The indictment charging Mandelstorf with grand larceny accuses him of collecting \$7,500 from the New York Railways Company for alleged injuries to William Mulligan on May 23. Mulligan told the Grand Jury there had been no accident.

Mandelstorf also was indicted for attempt at grand larceny in trying to collect \$150 from the Fifth Avenue Coach for alleged injuries to Ryan at One Hundred and Seventeenth Street and Manhattan Avenue on July 4. Ryan's case still is in court. He told the Grand Jury that he falsely claimed to have been thrown off a bus and dragged. He said Mandelstorf was aware of the false claim and that he (Ryan) appeared as "Andrew Martin" in the suit, with Mandelstorf as his attorney.

Mr. Rittenberg said that charges will be presented against a number of attorneys and doctors next week and that the investigation is to continue until all those suspected of connection with the ring are either indicted or driven out of practice. He said that charges also would be laid with the County Medical Society in the case of the doctors and with the Bar Association in that of the attorneys.

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GIRL, 12, PREVENTS SUICIDE.

Saves Life of Mrs. Nicholas, Widow of Newspaper Writer.

The timely arrival of a little girl to-day saved the life of Mrs. Wilhelm Nicholas, widow of William G. Nicholas, a well known newspaper writer. Mrs. Nicholas, believing herself ill, tried to take her life with illuminating gas in her home, No. 215 West One Hundred and Ninth Street.

The child, twelve-year-old Beatrice Reppert, whose mother worked for Mrs. Nicholas, came upon the latter lying in bed with a gas tube in her mouth. When she asked who Mrs. Nicholas was doing, the reply was, "Go away. I want to die."

But the little girl ran home and told her mother. Then Mrs. Nicholas was taken to Knickerbocker Hospital. She will recover.

NO MONKEYS TO BE HAD; RESEARCH IS HALTED

Rockefeller Institute Has Cornered Supply, but Others Are Coming.

If you want a monkey, for any purpose whatever, you can't get it. The Rockefeller Institute has all the available monkeys in this part of the world.

The shortage was discovered by Dr. Emanuel Libman, head of the Pathological Department of Mount Sinai Hospital, when he went forth to seek for simians as an aid in infantile paralysis research work. He was told that the Rockefeller Institute had cornered the monkey market. Other investigators were met with the same statement.

The "corner" probably will not last long, as there is a consignment of monkeys on the way here from South America, due in about two weeks. These are destined, in part, for the pathologists of Mount Sinai and Willard Parker Hospital.

The monkey cage at the Rockefeller Institute contains about 500 specimens and these were gathered when the paralysis plague started, monkeys being the best animal, next to the human, for pathological experimentation.

WOMAN KILLS WOMAN.

Scores of Travelers See Woman Seeking Divorce Shoot Divorcee.

MARYSVILLE, Mo., Aug. 16.—While scores of travelers at the depot looked on to-day, Mrs. G. A. Gilmore, forty-five years old, wife of a local river promotor, shot and killed Mrs. Ella Shopp, niece of Harryville. Both families are prominent. Mrs. Shopp was forty-three years old and divorced. Mrs. Gilmore recently filed suit for divorce.

At the Gilmore home it was learned that the negro woman was a black and black striped sport shirt, with the collar cut off.

A general alarm was sent to every city and village in the vicinity and a number of hours later Capt. Ruggiero of the Syracuse police as well as the hat and shirt and made the arrest. Judge O'Brien remained at the negro until the two women were able to appear against him. Mrs. Shopp identified him as the man who attacked her.

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WILSON URGES DEEPER HELL GATE CHANNEL

Says Its Importance Is Particularly Great—Has Been Stricken from Naval Bill.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Believing that the channel at Hell Gate, New York, should be deepened in the interests of proper national defense, President Wilson to-day sent the following note to Acting Chairman Swannell of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee and Chairman Fagot of the House Committee:

"I am deeply interested in the deepening of the channel at Hell Gate, New York, and I earnestly hope that it may be possible in the deliberation of the conference, which I understand has been reconvened, on the Naval Bill, to include that item in the final recommendation to the two Houses. I feel the importance of this to be peculiarly great."

The President sent the message after a conference with Representative Hulbert. The committee had previously stricken the item from its recommendations.

Amusement Hits Policemen.

Policemen Patrol A Strike of Traffic. A crowd of police and officers stood the busy to-day when the city was knocked down at times and late in the afternoon, when a motor car, driven by Joseph Butler, the chauffeur of Mrs. Nicholas, was taken to the hospital in the vehicle that hit him.

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If you have a piano, we will allow you full market value for it in exchange. You may have to pay if you select a piano over \$100.00. The balance of the cost of the new piano will be paid in cash or on terms arranged to suit you. This generous offer applies to any piano or pianos in our stores, such as our New York or Brooklyn warehouses.

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PLAYERS \$285

88-Note—\$475 Value

PLAYERS \$335

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PLAYERS \$385

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